Medication Reference: Nitroglycerin (Nitrostat)

Class

Nitrate.

Actions

- A rapid smooth muscle relaxant that reduces cardiac workload.
- Dilates the coronary arteries.

Indications

- Chest pain associated with angina and/or myocardial infarction.
- Acute pulmonary edema.
- Hypertension.

Protocol Reference

B8, B9, D3



Contraindications

- Known hypersensitivity.
- Hypotension.
- Shock.
- Suspected intracranial pressure.
- Viagra ingestion within the last 24 hours.

Precautions

Nitroglycerin is light sensitive and will lose potency when exposed to air.

Adverse Reactions

- Headache.
- Hypotension.
- Nausea / Vomiting.
- Decreased level of consciousness.

Adult Dosage / Route

0.4 mg SL (tablet or spray) every 5 minutes.



Pediatric Dosage / Route

Not Indicated.

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